

military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 310—CON-DEMNING THE ONGOING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM YEZIDI, CHRISTIAN, SHABAK, TURKMEN, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES BY ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA MILITANTS AND URGING THE PROSECUTION OF THE PERPETRATORS AND THOSE COMPLICIT IN THESE CRIMES

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. KIRK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 310

Whereas the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has publicly and systematically targeted communities on the basis of their religious identities, including Yezidis, Christians, Shi'a Muslims, Shabaks, Turkmens, and Kaka'i, in a campaign of violence that includes summary executions, beheadings, torture, arbitrary detainment, forced displacement, rape and sexual violence, and enslavement;

Whereas enslavement and sexual violence against women is a widespread practice among ISIS militants, who have, according to the Yezidi Affairs Directory, captured and enslaved as many as 5,500 Yezidis, including as many as 3,000 women, since August 2014;

Whereas ISIS has established a formal slave trade in which women and girls as young as 5 years old are systematically abducted, transported, categorized according to physical traits and perceived value, and traded among ISIS militants or sold for as little as \$10;

Whereas the Research and Fatwa Department of ISIS has issued guidelines and directions for the enslavement of Yezidi women and children and has justified the actions on the basis of religious teachings;

Whereas the New York Times reported that "the Islamic State has developed a detailed bureaucracy of sex slavery, including sales contracts notarized by the ISIS-run Islamic courts";

Whereas, according to various reports, including testimony before Congress by Khidher Domle, a Yezidi activist and Director of the Media Department at the University of Dohuk, the enslavement and sexual violence used against Yezidi women and children by ISIS militants in their attack on Mount Sinjar was premeditated;

Whereas ISIS has initiated the mass killing of Yezidi men and boys, the sexual violence and enslavement of Yezidi women and children, and the forced displacement of Christians and other religious communities;

Whereas the threat and reach of ISIS extends beyond Iraq and Syria into the rest of the world, as demonstrated by ISIS-affiliated attacks and recruitment of foreign fighters from the United States, Europe, Central Asia, and Africa;

Whereas, according to testimony presented before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on September 29, 2015, it is possible that one of the ISIS militants involved in the sexual slavery of Yezidi women and children is a United States citizen; and

Whereas the United States Government should investigate and urge prosecution of American citizens who are perpetrators of or complicit in such crimes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities;

(2) calls on the Attorney General to commence the investigation and prosecution of any United States citizens alleged to be perpetrators of or complicit in these crimes and to report back to Congress what steps are being taken to investigate and urge the prosecution of those involved; and

(3) calls on the Government of Iraq and the governments of other countries to identify individual perpetrators and individuals involved in these crimes and take appropriate measures to arrest and urge the prosecution of those individuals.

SENATE RESOLUTION 311—HONORING RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY, AS RUTGERS CELEBRATES ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 311

Whereas on November 10, 1766, the Royal Governor of New Jersey, William Franklin, granted a charter in the name of King George III for the establishment of Queen's College;

Whereas in 1825, Queen's College was renamed Rutgers in honor of Colonel Henry Rutgers, a university trustee and Revolutionary War veteran;

Whereas in 1864, Rutgers was designated as a land-grant college, offering educational access to a wide range of students who would become the new workforce for expanding businesses, factories, and farms of the United States;

Whereas in 1869, Rutgers became the birthplace of college football by hosting a game against Princeton University and winning 6 to 4;

Whereas in 1946, the University of Newark became part of Rutgers, laying the foundation for Rutgers University-Newark;

Whereas in 1950, the College of South Jersey became part of Rutgers, giving rise to Rutgers University-Camden;

Whereas in 1945 and 1956, the New Jersey State legislature designated Rutgers as the State University of New Jersey;

Whereas in 1989, Rutgers became a member of the Association of American Universities, an association of the top research universities in the United States and Canada;

Whereas with the integration of most of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey into Rutgers School of Biomedical and Health Sciences in 2013, Rutgers undertook the largest merger in the history of higher education in the United States;

Whereas in 2014, Rutgers joined the Big Ten Conference, bringing the long history of collegiate athletics at Rutgers into the storied conference comprised of highly regarded, research-intensive flagship universities;

Whereas in 2014, Rutgers joined the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, the premier consortium of top-tier research institutions in the United States;

Whereas as of November 2015, Rutgers—

(1) educates more than 65,000 students at 31 schools;

(2) employs more than 22,000 faculty and staff;

(3) records more than 1,700,000,000 patient visits annually; and

(4) boasts more than 460,000 living alumni worldwide;

Whereas the 250th anniversary of the establishment of Rutgers is November 10, 2016;

Whereas the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of Rutgers begins on November 10, 2015, with Charter Day festivities on the lawn of Old Queens and will continue through November 10, 2016; and

Whereas Rutgers exemplifies all of the traditions of higher education in the United States because Rutgers is the only university in the United States that is—

(1) a colonial college;

(2) a land-grant college; and

(3) a comprehensive public research university: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, as Rutgers celebrates 250 years of rich history as a colonial college, a land-grant institution, and a great State university that has been a source of pride for New Jersey and the people of the United States since 1766.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2770. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2771. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2772. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra.

SA 2773. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2774. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2775. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2776. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2777. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2778. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2779. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI)

to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2780. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2781. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2782. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2783. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2784. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. DAINES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2785. Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2786. Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2787. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2788. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2789. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2790. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2770. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. ____. **PROTECTING THE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL CHOICES OF NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS.**

None of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used to participate in or carry

out actions arising from the Department of Education's Interagency Task Force of For-Profit Institutions of Higher Education.

SA 2771. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 247. None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this title may be used to carry out the Home Marketing Incentive Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to carry out the Appraisal Value Offer Program of the Department, or to pay for the transfer or relocation of an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs in a senior executive position (as defined in section 713(g) of title 38, United States Code).

SA 2772. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____. The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct random, periodic audits of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Integrated Service Networks to assess whether such facilities and Networks are complying with all standards imposed by law or by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to the timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department.

SA 2773. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 71, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 411. (a) **ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO FACILITATE FURNISHING OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS UNABLE TO AFFORD LEGAL REPRESENTATION.**—The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title III under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS” is hereby increased by \$500,000.

(b) **AVAILABILITY.**—Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title III under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS”, as increased by subsection (a), \$500,000 shall be available for the provision of financial assistance as described in and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set forth in the Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers for Relief From the Effects of Natural Disasters, for Other Urgent Needs, and for Incremental

Cost of “Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm” Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-229) under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS”. The amount available for financial assistance under this subsection is in addition to any other amounts available for such financial assistance under this Act.

(c) **OFFSET.**—The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title II under the heading “GENERAL ADMINISTRATION” is hereby decreased by \$500,000.

SA 2774. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. ____. None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by title II may be used to carry out the Home Marketing Incentive Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs or to carry out the Appraisal Value Offer Program of the Department with respect to an employee of the Department in a senior executive position (as defined in section 713(g) of title 38, United States Code).

SA 2775. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2763 proposed by Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional veterans committees a report evaluating the implementation by the Department of Veterans Affairs of section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the implementation of such section 101, an evaluation of the following:

(1) The effect of such implementation on the reduction in the use of purchased care by the Department, including delays or denials of care and interruptions in courses and continuity of care.

(2) The ability of health care providers to meet the demand for primary, specialty, and behavioral health care under such section 101 that cannot reasonably be provided in medical facilities of the Department.

(3) The efforts of the Department to recruit health care providers to provide health care under such section 101.

(4) The accuracy of the information provided to veterans through call centers regarding the receipt of health care under such section 101.

(5) The timeliness of referrals of veterans by the Department to health care providers under such section 101.